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# Penkovsky's Spy-Catching Role Denied

Reports that Col. Oleg Penkovsky supplied materials that led to the detection and arrest of the Swedish master spy, Col. Stig Wennerstrom, are flatly denied by sources close to the case.

Wennerstrom reportedly first came under suspicion in 1959—two years before Penkovsky started assisting the West.

The Swedish officer had served as air attache in Moscow and Washington before returning to the Defense Ministry and Foreign Ministry in Stockholm.

Arrested in June, 1963, he was sentenced last year to life imprisonment. He could be released after 10 years and

it is understood that he, too, is writing his memoirs.

## Penkovsky Protest

In another development, the State Department disclosed yesterday that it has received a protest from the Soviet Union about publication of papers attributed to Penkovsky. He became a spy for the West in 1961 and was later caught and executed.

The Penkovsky papers were serialized in newspapers, including The Washington Post, and are now out in book form.

A State Department spokesman said that Soviet Ambassador Anatoly F. Dobrynin expressed "concern" last Monday in a talk with Russian affairs expert Llewellyn E. Thompson.

Later, the spokesman said, Thompson replied that the Government "had no responsibility in the matter."

## CIA "Concoction"

In the first report on the Penkovsky papers in the Russian press, the Communist Party newspaper Pravda referred to them yesterday as "another anti-Soviet concoction of the American Central Intelligence Agency and apparently of its British associates."

While not further explaining what was in the papers, Pravda said that "this fabrication does not deserve analysis."

A Moscow dispatch from The Washington Post's Stephen Rosenfeld said the bulk of the article was devoted to

unflattering reflections on the character of Greville Wynne, the British businessman convicted with Penkovsky and later exchanged for "Gordon Lonsdale," a Soviet spy caught in England.

Last week, a news story from Paris linked the work of Penkovsky with the uncovering of three Westerners spying for the Soviet Union. These were listed as:

Wennerstrom; George Paques, a senior French civil servant who worked in NATO, and William J. C. Vassall, a British Admiralty clerk. Other sources have denied that information furnished by Penkovsky led to apprehension of any of the three.